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SUBJECT: EC/EFTA RULES OF ORIGIN--SWEDEN

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1. SUMMARY: SVENSKA RADIO AB OF STOCKHOLM WHICH BUYS ABOUT \$1.7 MILLION FROM US ANNUALLY HAS REPORTED IT HAS SWITCHED ROUGHLY 5PERCENT TO 10PERCENT OF TOTAL COMPONENT PURCHASES FROM US TO OTHER SOURCES DURING PAST YEAR. SHIFT IS CAUSED MAINLY BY 3-PERCENT-OF-VALUE RULE APPLYING TO TRANSISTOR COMPONENTS. DETAILS FOLLOW: END SUMMARY.

2. SVENSKA RADIO AB OF STOCKHOLM HAS INFORMED EMBASSY DURING COURSE OF SURVEY CONDUCTED ACVRDING TO REFAIR THAT
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EC RULES OF ORGIN REQUIREMENT HAS REQUIRED FIRM TO SHIFT

SOURCING DURING PAST YEAR. DETAILS FOLLOW:

A. FIRM IS LEADING MANUFACTURER OF COMMUNICATION RADIOS FOR TAXIS, POLICE PATROL CARS, AND THE LIKE; PAGING SYSTEMS AND MARINE USE. ALL PRODUCTS ARE CLASSIFIABLE UNDER BTN 85.15. CIVILIAN PRODUCTION IS DESTINED LARGELY TO EC COUNTRIES; SOME, HOWEVER, GO TO THIRD COUNTRIES INCLUDING EAST BLOC.

B. IMPORTS FROM US INCLUDE SEMI-CONDUCTORS (TRANSISTORS, DIODES, INTEGRATED CIRCUITS, THYRISTORS) AND MICROWAVE COMPONENTS; THESE ARE CLASSIFIED UNDER BTN 85.21. MOST IMPORTANT US SUPPLIERS ARE: MOTOROLA, RCA, TEXAS INSTRUMENTS, OMNI SPECTRA INC., SIGNETICS CORP., AND FAIRCHILD CAMERA AND INSTRUMENT CORP.

C. FIRM DEPENDS HEAVILY ON EXPORTS. IT HAS HAD NO SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH 40-PERCENT-OF-VALUE RULE BUT THE 3-PERCENT RULE ON TRANSISTORS HAS CAUSED FIRM TO SPFT FROM 5PERCENT TO 10 PERCENT OF TOTAL COMPONENT PURCHASES FROM US TO OTHER SOURCES. ITS TOTAL IMPORTS ANNUALLY FROM US IS NOW SKR 7.5 MILLION ((\$1.7 MILLION) OUT OF TOTAL VALUE OF IMPORTED COMPONENTS FROM ALL SOURCES OF SKR 30 MILLION (\$7.0 MILLION).

COMMENT: IF SVENSKA RADIO CONTINUES TO SHIFT SOURCING, AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED WITHOUT CHANGE IN RULES OF ORIGIN AS TARIFF BETWEEN SWEDEN AND EC GOES DOWN, IT WILL HAVE SIZABLE IMPACT ON US SALES OF TRANSISTORS FOR CIVILIAN-USE RADIO.
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